



Tanya D. Lane
Acting Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06111

MAYOR ROY ZARTARIAN

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

*****L-101 (Main Level)*** – Town Hall
131 Cedar Street**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Zartarian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in conference room L-101, Town Hall.

I. ROLL CALL

Councilor Anest
Councilor Budrejko
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor Klett
Councilor Manke
Councilor Marocchini
Councilor Nagel
Councilor Serra
Mayor Zartarian

Staff Attendees:

Tanya Lane, Acting Town Manager
Jaime Trevethan, Asst. to the Town Manager – Administration

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Anest moved to approve the agenda as written. Motion seconded by Councilor DelBuono. Motion passed 9-0.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736) (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Terry Borjeson, 45 Glenview Drive: Mr. Borjeson stated that it is in the Town's best interest to perform a search process for the new Town Manager. He praised Acting Town Manager Lane's performance and stated that she would make an excellent candidate but reiterated the need to do a search in the name of transparency.

Anna Eddy, 41 Churchill Way: Ms. Eddy stated that the Board of Directors for her condo association is like a microcosm of the Town and she stated that the selection of Board members is taken very seriously, as is the process for obtaining quotes, contractors, etc. She spoke in favor of the Town doing the same with its Town Manager and spoke in favor of having a search process for the permanent Town Manager

position. She asked the Council to find the best possible candidate for the role and to practice due diligence.

Clarke Castelle, 167 Connecticut Avenue: Mr. Castelle spoke in favor of retaining Acting Town Manager Lane for the permanent Town Manager position. He stated that she has prevailed over difficult times with an enormous work load, especially while also running the Town Clerk's office. He stated that Ms. Lane has earned the trust of the community and should be appointed. He remarked that she is ready to tackle the serious issues in the Town.

Mr. Learner, 176 Old Farm Drive: The resident spoke in favor of appointing Acting Town Manager Lane to the permanent position. He stated that it is not necessary to spend the money to do the search when there is already a good candidate in place. He stated that Ms. Lane's heart is in Newington and it's time to come together to think before spending money on a search. He indicated that the \$15,000 allocated for a search could be used elsewhere.

Gary Bolles, 22 Burdon Lane: Mr. Bolles noted that the current Councilors campaigned for respect for taxpayers and stated that while Mrs. Lane may be the best candidate, there needs to be a valid search process to determine so. He stated that the process doesn't need to cost \$15,000 and he recommended placing an ad in the paper and performing in-house interviews to save on costs.

John Bachand, 56 Maple Hill Avenue: Mr. Bachand stated support for appointing Mrs. Lane as the permanent Town Manager. He remarked that there doesn't need to be this level of drama over the appointment as Mrs. Lane has proved herself worthy. He stated that all sides need to be on board but stated that it is his gut feeling that she is right for the job. He indicated that the Council may lose Mrs. Lane as a candidate if a full search is performed and asked the Councilors to follow their intuition.

Letters from Iris Larsson and Wayne Alexander were read into the record (attached)

V. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Zartarian addressed some of the concerns listed in Iris Larsson's letter. He indicated that he is not involved in union negotiations and that Acting Town Manager Lane was not able to attend the recent Library volunteer event in its entirety due to a scheduling conflict.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: PERSONNEL

Councilor Nagel moved to go into Executive Session regarding personnel at 7:23 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Anest. Motion passed 9-0. All Councilors, Acting Town Manager Lane and Town Attorney Ben Ancona attended the Executive Session.

Acting Town Manager Lane exited Executive Session as well as the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Councilor DelBuono moved to exit from Executive Session at 9:29 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 9-0.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS (**Action May Be Taken**)

A. Town Manager Search Process (not held)

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Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: Bid the Council good night.

John Bachand, 56 Maple Hill Avenue: Mr. Bachand reiterated his previous comments and indicated that the requirement for the Town Manager to move to Newington shows commitment to the position.

IX. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Councilor Budrejko remarked that this was one of the better Executive Sessions that she has attended and remarked on the collaborative and respectful nature of the meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Nagel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Marocchini. Motion passed 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaime Trevethan
Asst. to the Town Manager
Town of Newington